

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	SERIES 600 HEALTH CARE SERVICES	SUPERSEDES: AR 618 (07/28/02)
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PURPOSE

To set forth guidelines within the Department for performing elective/cosmetic surgery on inmates.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

RESPONSIBILITY

All Medical Division staff are responsible to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

DEFINITIONS

ELECTIVE/COSMETIC SURGERY – Surgery that is not medically necessary to preserve life or limb.

SUBSTANCIAL FUNCTIONAL DEFICIT – An impairment of an essential normal daily activity such as self feeding, ability to dress oneself, perform daily grooming.

UTILIZATION REVIEW PANEL – A panel consisting of a minimum of three physicians, the Quality Assurance Specialist, a Registered Nurse, and the Medical Director/designee who will review all requests for off-site medical consultations, procedures, surgeries, and medical devices for medical necessity.

APPLICABILITY

Applies to all inmates housed within the Department.

PROCEDURES

618.01 ELECTIVE/COSMETIC SURGERY

- 1.1 Elective/cosmetic surgery will not be performed on any inmate in the Department.
- 1.2 If surgery is needed to correct a substantial functional deficit or if an existing pathological process threatens the well being of an inmate over a period of time, it is not considered elective. The following criteria will be used: **(3-4359)**
 - 1.2.1 Is their condition deteriorating significantly and/or rapidly?
 - 1.2.2 Is the condition a threat to life or limb?
- 1.3 The attending physician and the Utilization Review Panel will make this determination.
- 1.4 The level of medical services will be determined by medical necessity.
- 1.5 The Medical Director/designee will be the final authority of determination of medical necessity.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4359

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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Yes

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No

THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.